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## I. AMENDMENTS

### In the claims:

After entry of amendments to claims 1 to 4, the claims will recite as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a biologically active fraction designated ASB03 from a composition of *Scutellariae barbatae* comprising extracting from a filtrate, a fraction soluble in an organic solvent wherein said fraction has an optical absorbance between about 200 nm to about 500 nm 260 nm to about 330 nm.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The process of claim 1~~ A process for preparing a biologically active fraction designated ASB03, comprising the steps of:

- a) steeping an effective amount of *Scutellariae barbatae* in an effective amount of hot water to obtain a liquid extract;
- b) filtering the extract to obtain a filtrate designated ESBa;
- c) extracting the filtrate with an effective amount of an organic solvent to obtain ESBb;
- d) concentrating the extract; and
- e) isolating a fraction having an optical absorbance at about 200 nm to about 450 nm to isolate ASB03.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The process of claim 1~~ A process for preparing a biologically active fraction designated ASB03, comprising the steps of:

- a) obtaining a liquid extract of *Scutellariae barbatae* and obtaining a supernatant by extracting the liquid extract at least two times with ethanol;
- b) obtaining a concentrated supernatant by extracting the supernatant at least three times with methanol;
- c) evaporating the methanol with nitrogen gas;
- d) resuspending the extract in about 12 to about 18 ml of water and drying;